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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- the international application as originally filed/furnished
- the description:
pages 4-6 as originally filed/furnished
pages* 1-3 received by this Authority on 26 April 2005 with the letter of 26 April 2005
pages* received by this Authority on with the letter of
- the claims:
pages as originally filed/furnished
pages* as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages* 7-8 received by this Authority on 26 April 2005 with the letter of 26 April 2005
pages* received by this Authority on with the letter of
- the drawings:
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pages* 1/17-17/17 received by this Authority on 19 October 2004 with the letter of 19 October 2004
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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
 - the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-12	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-12	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-12	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The invention is a reusable mailable card including a first panel having a major front face to receive an image or text and a major rear face. A second panel including a first portion securable to the first panel so as to provide in combination with the first panel a pocket to receive a relatively flat data storage medium and a second portion associated with the first portion and securable to the rear face to close the pocket. Securing means manipulated by a user to secure the second portion to the rear face to close the pocket, an opening means manipulated by a user to permit removal of said medium from said pocket and means to reclose said pocket to permit said card to be remailed. While FR 2838671 (published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date of the present application) and JP 2000-168874 both provide a pocket to receive a relatively flat data storage medium, neither provides means to reclose said pocket to permit said card to be remailed. No prior art was found which provided such a card including a pocket to receive a relatively flat data storage medium and means to reclose said pocket to permit said card to be remailed.

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

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2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure

Date of non-written disclosure
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